UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * NO. 2:22-cr-00216-01

VS. * JUDGE JAMES D. CAIN, JR.

MELVIN CLAY BLAKE, JR. * MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY

ORDER

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, as amended October 21, 2020, and in addition to the requirements imposed by the court's Pretrial Criminal Scheduling Order, it is

ORDERED that the government be and it is hereby reminded of its disclosure obligations under *Brady v Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny. Failure of the government to abide by this order and to properly disclose *Brady* material to the defendant shall carry consequences. Consequences of violation of this order and the duty to disclose as mandated by *Brady* will be commiserate with the scope and severity of the violation and can include exclusion of evidence at trial, a finding of contempt with possible disciplinary action against the prosecutor, dismissal of an indictment with prejudice, or even a declaration that a conviction was obtained invalidly.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers this 30th day of March, 2023.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE